

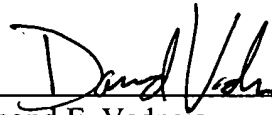
REMARKS

Claims 1 to 24 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1 to 4 and 11 to 14 are in independent form. Claims 5, 6, 9, 15 to 17, 19, and 23 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Damond E. Vadnais", is written over a horizontal line.

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